

The Heidelberg Catechism

38. Why did He suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

That He, being innocent, might be condemned by the temporal judge,¹ and thereby deliver us from the severe judgment of God, to which we were exposed.²

¹ Lk 23:13-24; Jn 19:4, 12-16; Acts 4:27-28; ² Ps 69:4; Isa 53:4-5; Mt 27:24; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13